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Comment: In an editorial, "Elle oder Welle", in the Neue Zeitung of 16 December, it is stated that the following persons are being mentioned as possible German observers at the Moscow Conference: Dr. Julius Curtius, former Foreign Minister, Dr. Heinrich Brüning, former Chancellor, Erich von Prittwitz-Gaffron, Dr. Conrad, Dr. Wilhelm Külz, Dr. Oskar Trautmann, Geheimrat Dumont, and former Ambassador Nadolny.

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2. [redacted] that Dr. Dumont is considered a very good candidate for the head of a Germany Ministry of Foreign Trade and added that, in the opinion of competent political circles, a Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be a necessary forerunner of a central German Government. Since Germany is not allowed to carry on foreign politics now, such a ministry would at first be limited in function to centralization of German trade and to the creation of a central office to coordinate directives from the four occupying powers to Germany and to route German proposals, etc. to the proper agencies of the Allies. This ministry should have missions in Washington, London, Paris, and Moscow. [redacted] von Prittwitz-Gaffron for Washington and Nadolny for Moscow; Martius and Kraske were suggested as legal advisers.

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3. Panin showed great interest, saying that in his capacity as representative of the USSR Foreign Ministry in Berlin he needed all information on plans for a German central government, which would soon be a vital question.

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4. Another source reports that the Russians have recently shown renewed interest in former Ambassador Nadolny. After about four months of silence on the part of the Russians, Nadolny was invited to Karlshorst, probably by members of the Political Department, on or about 18 December 1946. In addition to tendering such personal favors as providing special protection for Nadolny's house in Granssee, the Russians have asked Nadolny to make suggestions to them as to how his good offices could be employed in improving the general political attitude of the non-Marxist parties throughout Germany to the USSR.

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